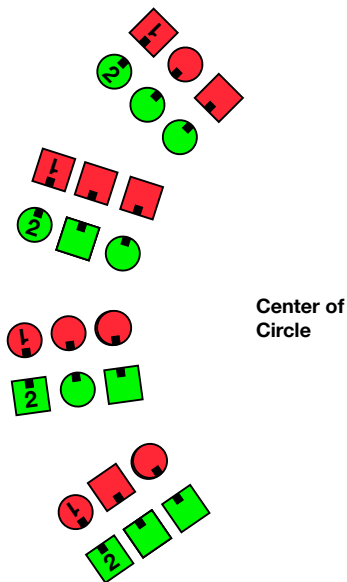


General Bradford's Charge

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General Bradford's Charge is a Trio Dance with lines of three facing lines of three as shown below. The individual lines can be composed of any combination of men and women. Here are the directions.



Description

1-8 The two lines of three join hands and Circle Left 8 steps.

9-16 Circle Right 8 steps back to the original facing position

17-24 Center dancers turn the dancer on their right in the same line with a Right Hand Around

25-32 Center dancers turn the dancer on the left end of the same line with a Left Hand Around.

33-40 Form a six hand Right Hand Star.

41-48 Star Left back to the original place.

49-56 Facing the person in the opposite line. Clap own hands together on 1. Clap right hands with the opposite on 2. Clap own hands together on 3. Clap left hands with the opposite on 4. Clap own hands together on 5. Clap both hands with the opposite on 6. Clap own hand together 3 quick times on 7 and 8.

57-64 Pass Thru the facing line of three and move on to a new line of three.

A video of the dance can be seen by [clicking here](#). There is no special music for this dance. I have used everything from contra dance music to singing call music.

General Brandford was a very nice, but strong willed lady in her eighty's when I met her. Her name was Mary Jo Bradford. She introduced this dance at a Lloyd Shaw Foundation Fellowship in the 1960s. She had named it something else. However, after she taught it, we changed the name to **General Bradford's Charge** and the name stuck. The dance is included in the book **Dancing for Busy People**. I don't know of any other place it has been published.

The Colorado Dancers use it as an exhibition dance. The video is of their performance at the USAWest Square Dance Convention in 2015